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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE IRISH CIVIL WAR.

TERRIBLE STORIES OF BRUTAL SLAUGHTER.

Precaution Against Outrages in England.

"Freeman's Journal" Set on Fire.

London, November 30.
A mysterious party of armed and masked men set fire to *Freeman's Journal* office, Dublin, at midnight.

Later.
Before *Freeman's Journal* office was fired, armed and masked men entered the offices of the *Irish Times* and held up the editorial staff with revolver and extracted a promise that nothing would be divulged.

M. P. Arrested.

London, November 30.
A mysterious Sinn Féin, described as "number" eight-seven, was remanded at Liverpool on a charge of murdering a civilian, Daniel Ward, who detected the incendiaries.

Yesterday's arrested men on Dublin included Mr. Sears, M.P. Precautions in London against Sinn Féin include a special guard of secret service for every Member of the Cabinet.

To Inquire into Reprisals.

London, November 30.
The Labour Commission of Inquiry into reprisals in Ireland left London for Dublin this morning. It includes Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., and Mr. Adamson, M.P., with Brigadier C. B. Thompson as Military Adviser.

A Recent Explosion.

London, November 30.
Light was thrown on the coffin-makers' workshop explosion, news of which was cabled on November 26, at the Court of Inquiry, when the Police testified that they found a tin box there, hidden under a bench, containing 353 rounds of revolver ammunition, all flat-nosed, also an unexploded bomb concealed.

A Serious Outrage.

London, November 30.
Particulars of the bloody slaughter of Royal Irish Constabulary Auxiliaries near Kilmichael, were given by Sir Hamar Greenwood in the House of Commons in the course of the Irish debate on the adjournment. Sir Hamar Greenwood said that the Liverpool outrages and the London attempt showed that the Sinn Féin murder gang was carrying on its senseless campaign of murder and arson in Great Britain and it would be extended to persons and property here unless the country was thoroughly roused. (Cheers.) He proceeded to read telegrams regarding the Kilmichael ambush which consisted of about 80 to 100 men all dressed in khaki and steel trench helmets. They fired from both sides of the road and also had direct enfilade fire straight down. By force of arms some of the Crown men were disarmed and brutally murdered. The bodies were piled, all money and valuables taken and clothing robbed from the corpses. Sir Hamar Greenwood did not think that with fifteen ex-officers of the late war thus lying dead the House would wish to continue a discussion in face of a challenge to the authority of the House and civilisation.

Mr. Archer-Rowland said that no one in the House could accuse him or those with whom he was associated with feeling anything but the deepest and most profound regret for the type of outrage just related.

It is considered that a grave situation is developing in connection with the extension of Sinn Féin outrages. Metropolitan special constables have been warned to be in readiness for duty and they will probably be asked to co-operate in patrolling warehouse areas.

The victims at Macroom were not "Black and Tans" but officers of the Auxiliary Division, stationed at Macroom Castle. They are all ex-officers selected for meritorious services in the field in wartime. The castle had been a sort of island in a Sinn Féin sea. The scene was an ideal spot for an ambush, one side for the road overhanging a cliff and the other side was a wood, the road taking a sharp right-angle turn. The massacre has brought back to prominence the question of sending out parties in cars absolutely unprotected in which auxiliaries are perched on high seats and crowded together without elbow room and without an inch of cover. They are human targets that a child could not miss.

A military funeral in London has been offered the relatives of the victims.

Brutal Murders.

London, December 1.
It is officially announced that the bodies of the sixteen Police murdered in the Macroom ambush had nearly all six bullet wounds each. They were also terribly mutilated, being apparently hacked with hatchets.

More Murders.

London, December 1.
Uniformed men raided several houses at Ardee (County Louth) and removed two men, whose bodies were subsequently found outside the town.

An Internment Proposal.

London, November 30.
In the House of Commons, Sir Hamar Greenwood said it was intended to intern persons if there was reason to believe that they were connected with the Irish Republican Army. They would be treated similarly to prisoners of war, but that did not involve their recognition as prisoners nor give to them that status.

Suspects Arrested.

London, November 30.
On the arrival of the Aquitania at Southampton from New York, six suspected Sinn Féin raiders were arrested for possessing arms and ammunition.

Later.
The six suspects from the Aquitania were released later and they proceeded to London.

Further Incidents.

London, November 30.
Professor MacNeill, who was arrested on November 26, has been released. Mr. Griffith remains at Mount Joy Gaol.

Altogether 400 have been arrested in Dublin during the past two days, including the manager and two of the staff of the newspaper *Young Ireland*.

The efficiency of the round-ups is evidenced by the numbers of rifles, revolvers, bombs and ammunition found lying in the streets of Dublin which the owners discarded, fearing discovery of possession. A Sinn Féin hall in Limerick was burned last evening.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE EX-KAISER.

Receives Large Sums From Germany.

London, December 1.
In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Bonar Law said that he understood that 50 million marks had been paid to the ex-Kaiser from Germany since January 1, 1919. The Reparations Commission was giving attention thereto. It would not be very easy to recover the money.

Mr. George Lambert:—Have the Allies taken precautions that the money will not be used in order to bring back the Hohenzollerns to Berlin?

Mr. Bonar Law replied that the Allies were keeping their eyes on what was being done in that connection.

GOLD AND SILVER EXPORT BILL.

Important Discussion in Commons.

London, November 30.
In the House of Commons, on the Gold and Silver Export Bill, Mr. Samuel moved the rejection and declared that the freedom of export of silver to the East was essential for our great interests there. He said that the Government had encouraged the formation in Britain of a syndicate to have the sole right of financing the Chinese Government and a British syndicate had formed a syndicate in China composed of Chinese merchants. If the Bill were passed the Government would be supporting the Chinese financial group, thus eliminating the whole of the British merchants in China. The latter would be unable to carry out any large contracts with China. He believed that negotiations were going on with a syndicate representing America, Japan and China and he asked whether an arrangement had been made with the Governments of those countries to prohibit the export of silver therefrom to China, except through the Chinese syndicate. The consequence would be that unless the countries took the same steps as the Government were taking we should be asking the Chinese to pass their orders to our competitors instead of to ourselves. The British Government's inclusion of silver in this Bill was handicapping British merchants in all parts of the world, especially in the Far East and China.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin declared that the leading Bankers had been consulted and had approved of the measure.

Sir Newton Moore said that the Bill would discourage the importation of gold and he suggested that the Bill should be amended to allow imported gold to be exported on license, otherwise there would be no encouragement to bring gold here. Australia was sending gold direct to India, China and other places and South Africa was sending hers to America.

Mr. Baldwin, replying, said that the criticism of the Bill had been perfectly fair and reasonable. The reasons why the Government adhered to the terms of the Bill were that it conferred a permanent dormant power which was considered an essential part of the financial armory of the country. Hence the Government was anxious and Bankers, as trustees of the gold supply of the country, were anxious to see this made part of the permanent financial equipment of the country. The Government desired as much as anyone to see London again the free market for which it had been renowned for so many years. Anyone who wished to introduce a temporary Bill would immediately be faced with the difficulty of a suitable time limit, which it would be impossible to determine. It must not be forgotten that the powers under which prohibition of export existed would end with the ratification of the last Peace Treaty. He declared there was not the slightest risk or objection to the Bill proving valid. He was glad there was a consensus of opinion that at present the gold export restrictions must be maintained but he was not surprised at the comments regarding silver prohibition, which was entirely different. He was hopeful that it would not be necessary to frame a Regulation against the export of silver bullion. He pointed out that the position of silver coinage to-day was different and there might be imminent risk in regard thereto when a new coinage of different fineness was being introduced in this country. Unrestricted export might lead to a temporary drainage of the more valuable coins and might conceivably leave us with a dangerous shortage of silver coinage. He was hopeful from the outlook to-day that it might not be necessary to put into effect the powers of the Bill.

Replying, Sir Newton Moore said it was common knowledge that an arrangement had been in force some time, whereby gold from South Africa was imported into Britain to be refined and re-exported. It was done under a special system of licenses. This had been perfectly satisfactory to the South African Government. Mr. Baldwin gave an assurance that he would suggest a Clause in the Committee Stage giving statutory force thereto.

The Bill was read a second time.

There were four incendiary fires in Cork last evening. The City Hall was set afire by bombs thrown through the windows, but the fire was speedily checked.

The Police to-day searched the offices of the Irish Self-Determination League in London, as well as four other houses, and removed all documents and money.

The Government's Powers in England.

London, December 1.
In the House of Commons, at question time, replying to Mr. Leonard Lyl, Mr. Shortt opined that the existing powers of the Government, including the Defence of the Realm Regulations, were sufficient to deal effectively with Sinn Féin outrages in England, but, when the Defence of the Realm Act expired, it might be necessary to ask for further powers.

Further Items.

London, December 1.
Two men were detained in London as a result of anti-Sinn Féin raids, but were subsequently released. Most elaborate precautions were taken to protect Judges and witnesses at the Ulster Assizes in Belfast where the cases number 500, mostly arising out of the recent riots.

In the House of Commons, Sir Hamar Greenwood, asked if the police would be armed, replied that any officer on dangerous duty was supplied with a revolver. The Police authorities had with discretion armed men.

Fires in Cork this morning were attended by thrilling scenes. Two ladies sleeping in a flat were awakened by a bomb and dashed down the blazing staircase in their night-dresses. They escaped, slightly injured.

Dublin Castle reports that two ex-soldiers were seized by armed civilians at Killinaule, Tipperary, and chained to a wall at Kilkenny for two days. They were unable to lie down owing to the shortness of the chain.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

COMING TRADE DEPRESSION.

Mr. Lloyd George's Appeal.

London, December 1.
Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at a dinner of the Federation of British Industries, referred to the coming serious trade depression, which would be worldwide. He was afraid it was inevitable, but the question was whether there was anything possible to shorten it and mitigate its evils. The first remedy was peace. Europe must work with both hands; it could not handle a word with one hand and a trowel with the other. In the main, the Government policy was that the less interference there was with trade, the better. He appealed to the nation to back up the Government in its campaign of economy. He declared there must be thrift not only in Government Departments but in the home. Family committees on economy were needed as well as Government committees.

Fur Brokers in Liquidation.

London, December 1.
Owing to the slump in the fur trade, in which values recently have fallen about 70 per cent, Messrs. A. & W. Nesbitt, Limited, one of the biggest firms of fur brokers in the world, has gone into voluntary liquidation. It is stated that considerably over a million sterling is involved.

Manufacturers' Demands.

London, December 1.
At a great meeting in London, representing 22,000 manufacturers, the value of whose undertakings is estimated at five thousand millions sterling, a resolution was unanimously passed demanding the immediate withdrawal of the Excess Profits Duty and Corporation Taxes, pointing out that the taxable capacity of the country was already exceeded and drastic retrenchment by the Government was imperative to secure the stability and development of trade.

BOMB EXPLOSION.

An Incident in the City.

London, November 30.
A bomb explosion occurred at the premises of a skin merchant in Old Swan Lane, near London Bridge at 12.57 in the morning. A bomb had apparently been left on the premises in a portmanteau, being set to time by a fuse. One of the floors of the building was blown up. There were no casualties.

Later.
The explosion in the City was more alarming because of what it portended than for the actual damage done, which only amounted to the wrecking of the basement of the warehouse which was packed with skins. There was no loss of life, because there are no dwelling-houses in the neighbourhood. The authorities are not prepared to state that the outrage was the work of Sinn Féin raiders, but they are convinced it was caused by a bomb similar to those used at Liverpool.

"BIG THREE" CONFERENCE.

The Greek Question.

London, December 3.
The Downing Street conferences between Mr. Lloyd George, M. Leygues and Signor Sforza will be resumed to-morrow. It is understood that the conversations hitherto have proved that there is no strong divergence of views on Greek and other matters. It seems certain, however, that Greece, under the new regime, cannot, or most likely, will not want to perform all that was expected of her under Venizelos. This alone would involve revision of the treaty of Sevres.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

Bolshevik Successes.

London, December 3.
The round-up of anti Bolshevik forces of any importance has been virtually completed, according to the latest information from Petrograd. The Press announce that Petlura's Ukrainian army is totally dispersed, 12,000 men, 35 guns and three armoured trains being among the captured. A Bolshevik communiqué shows that Balakhovitch is in equally rough waters, 120 officers and 4,500 men having been captured, also much military booty.

THE ANILINE INDUSTRY.

Huge U.S. Amalgamation.

London, December 3.
One of the important amalgamations of the world's aniline colour industry is nearing completion in the United States. Five companies of a combined capital of sixty million sterling, with plant for the extraction of nitrogen from the atmosphere, are uniting to manufacture dyestuffs, heavy chemicals, and mineral acids. The scope of the merger's activities will be wider than that of the German Trust. A Legislative measure has been already drafted and submitted to Congress for protection of the enterprise.

D'ANNUNZIO DISLIKES TREATY.

A Fresh Conflict Expected.

London, December 1.
There are prospects of a conflict between D'Annunzio and the Government troops in consequence of the former's defiance of the Treaty of Rapallo.

D'Annunzio, in a proclamation, says the Legionaries are ready to sacrifice themselves, if necessary.

General Cavaglia, in a counter-proclamation to the troops, said:— "We are faced with a sad task; we rely on your complete co-operation."

THE BRITISH ARMY.

How it is Distributed.

London, November 30.
In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Locker Lampson, Mr. Churchill stated that the British army was distributed approximately as follows:—At Home, 153,000, including nearly 50,000 in Ireland; on the Rhine, 13,000; in Egypt, Palestine, Black Sea, Mesopotamia and North West Persia, 43,500; in the Colonies, 9,500; in France and Flanders, 3,500; India and Aden, 64,000; miscellaneous, 7,500; a total, of 295,000.

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DEATH OF MRS. J.C. FLETCHER.

It is with extreme regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Fletcher, wife of Mr. J. C. Fletcher, of Queen's College, which took place at Victoria Hospital at one o'clock this afternoon.

Until quite recently, Mrs. Fletcher was a member of the Education Department's teaching staff, but had to resign on account of ill-health. She was very popular amongst all who knew her, and the news of her death will come as a painful shock to a very wide circle of friends. Great sympathy will be felt for Mr. Fletcher in the loss which he has sustained.

The funeral takes place to-morrow evening at 5 o'clock.

A STOWAWAY.

Did it For a Bet.

Alexander Victor Argon, who was caught on board the liner *Kanowna*, as a stowaway, to-day told the Police Court: Magistrate that he was doing it for a bet.

Well-dressed, but without a cent in his pocket to pay for the passage which he had stolen, Argon claimed Australian citizenship, but spoke with a pronounced foreign accent. He contended with indignation that he was not discovered on board the *Kanowna*, but voluntarily gave himself up to the Captain.

The facts were that he was reported as a stowaway after the ship had left Japan. On its arrival here a letter was addressed to the local agents explaining the case and the Company's representative told the Magistrate that had the defendants succeeded in getting through to Sydney, the experience would have cost the Company £100, this representing the passage rate. The defendant, though he possessed a passport, did not have it vised in Japan.

The defendant, in reply to this, stated that he was proceeding to Australia on a bet, and in setting out on his journey had not thought that it was necessary to have his passport vised in going to a British country. He claimed acquaintance with a "Mr. Maxwell" employed by the "Yale Lock" Company here.

The Magistrate observed that sometimes people were inclined to break the law, as the defendant might have done, from some form of foolishness.

The defendant—No.

His Worship:—You went on board for an adventure?

The defendant—Yes. I am a consulting engineer.

Have you got anyone to come and give information on this point? Yes, I can get him this afternoon.

His Worship then adjourned the hearing until to-morrow.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 3s.4½d.

THE WEATHER.

2 p.m. Barometer:—29.82. Temperature:—75. Humidity:—74.

LIGHTING-UP TIME.

Lighting-up time to-day is 5.38 p.m.

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To-day.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE SINN FEINERS.

New York, Dec. 1.
The Sinn Feiners' attempt to tear down the Union Jack displayed
at the Union Club developed into a riot. The officials refused and the
crowd hurled bricks, smashing all the windows. Strong police forces
eventually dispersed the gathering by baton charges.New York, Dec. 2.
The papers unite in angrily condemning the Sinn Fein riot
mentioned yesterday, which they describe as anarchy.

NO SLAVERY IN HONGKONG.

London, Dec. 2.
In the House of Commons, in reply to the question: Have steps
yet been taken to secure registration and inspection of purchased
girls and children in Hongkong and does the Government propose to
abolish altogether the traffic in human life at present; carried on
there? Lt. Col. Amery referred to his replies of 4th inst.Mr. Hall declared that these replies were very unsatisfactory to
people who had information thereabout, and urged further enquiry
into the allegations that slavery was carried on under British rule.
Lt. Col. Amery replied that he had made full enquiries and there was
no slavery in Hongkong.

THE NEAR EAST.

Paris, Dec. 2.
The Deputy Raymond, President of the Committee for France and
Islam, has wired the French Premier, now in London, acquainting
him of the motion just carried unanimously by the Committee insist-
ing upon revising the Sevres Treaty and re-organizing Turkey as an
independent state. The former Minister Franklin Bouillon, writing
in "Le Matin," expresses a similar opinion.The Italian Foreign Minister stopped a few hours in Paris on
his way to London, and visited the President of the Republic. In an
interview with "Le Temps" he expressed himself as supporting the
French viewpoint on the Turkish situation.

CHINESE TO GUARD THE KREMLIN.

London, Dec. 2.
A Helsingfors telegram states that according to the "Isvestia"
four thousand Chinese formerly engaged in Manchuria have arrived
in Moscow for a picked regiment to guard the Kremlin.

BRITAIN AND THIBET.

Delhi, Dec. 2.
The political officer Bell, who is visiting the Dalai Lama, has
arrived at Lhasa. The Dalai Lama arranged for the transport in
comfort of the party, who are lodged close to the Dalai Lama's
country palace.

DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION.

Geneva, Dec. 2.
The Chinese delegate on the Armaments Sub-Commission was
among the supporters of the proposal of Senator D'Almeida of Brazil
that the manufacture of arms should be the monopoly of Governments.
The discussion was adjourned.

SPEED KING'S DEATH.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.
Eddie O'Donnell, who was injured in the 250 mile motor car race,
has died.

FRENCH RACING SCANDAL.

Paris, Dec. 2.
Joseph Fumagalli, one of the best known racehorse owners, has
been warned off for doping.EARLIER
SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL.Shanghai, Dec. 2.
Mr. H. G. Simms, of the North
China Insurance Company, and
Mr. S. Sakuragi, of the South
Municipal Railway Co., have
been elected Municipal Councillors.

SINGAPORE HOUSING.

Singapore, Dec. 2.
The Government's housing plans
include the building of a tenement
block of 22 shops and 800 rooms,
at a cost of \$1,500,000.VISITING DANISH
ROYALTIES.Singapore, Dec. 2.
Prince Axel and Princess Mar-
garet, of Denmark, have arrived
from Europe. They left here for
Bangkok.

THE RUBBER SLUMP.

Singapore, Dec. 2.
Several companies have already
announced the complete stoppage
of tapping.THE TROUBLE AT
ICHANG.Shanghai, Dec. 2.
Conditions at Ichang are more
settled. Some looting is still going
on. All business has stopped and
all the compradors are going to
Hankow.NEW Y.M.C.A.
BUILDING.Incorporation with War
Memorial.The scheme for the provision of
a Y.M.C.A. building in Hongkong
for the joint use of the Navy,
Army and Civilians was fully dis-
cussed at a public meeting held
in the City Hall last evening. The
interest taken in the project was
fully demonstrated by the crowd-
ed attendance, all the parties in-
terested being well represented.
During the course of the meeting
an important statement was made
by the Hon. Mr. J. Johnston (the
Chairman of the War Memorial
Committee) who announced that
at an emergency meeting on
Thursday morning, his Committee
decided to support the comprehen-
sive Y.M.C.A. scheme in prefer-
ence to, but not excluding entirely
the idea of a suitable but simple
memorial in Statue Square, which
would still be gone on with but
on less expensive lines.His Excellency the Governor
presided over the meeting and was
supported by, amongst others,
the Admiral of the Fleet, Sir A. L.
Duff, H.E. Major General Ventris,
His Lordship the Bishop of Vic-
toria, His Honour the Acting Chief
Justice Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, the
Hon. Messrs. A. G. M. Fletcher,
J. Johnston, E. H. Pollock,
E. V. D. Farr, P. Hobson Holyoak,
N. J. Stubb, W. Chatham, Com-
modore Rowden Smith, Col. Lor-
ing, Lt. Col. J. Wyndham, Messrs.
G. M. Dodwell, M. J. D. Stephens,
A. O. Lang and G. T. Edkins.H.E. the Governor called upon
Mr. Holyoak to outline the history
of the former Y.M.C.A.
The Hon. Mr. P. Hobson Holy-
oak stated that in 1904 a
Y.M.C.A. was opened here and for
ten years continued to occupy the
top floor of the Alexandra Build-
ing, and carried on more or less
successfully its work, although
hampered throughout in its de-
velopment owing to the fact that
a sum of \$9,000 was required a
year. In 1914, in the month of
June, they were compelled to move
to quarters in Des Vaux Road
owing to an outbreak of plague,
and they carried on in these pre-
mises until the outbreak of war,
which claimed the majority of the
members, and the building had to
be closed. From that time arose
the question of the construction of
a suitable building to welcome the
men on their return from the war.With that object in view a sub-
scription list was started and was
generously subscribed to by Sir
Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. Stephens,
and he ought to say, Sir Henry
May, although he did not think
that people realised what a large
part the last named played in the
contributions to the building. It was
felt that it was not a fitting time,
even if space were obtainable, to
commence building whilst the war
was on, especially at a time when
it looked at its worst. Therefore
the funds had been invested in
British war stock and there it
was to-day. After the war, dis-
cussions again arose as to where
the building should be erected,
but he thought everyone there
would back him up when he said
that it should be part of the
memorial scheme. (Applause.)
It was more fitting to provide a
fine building in which men who
had returned from service would
find comfort, as a memorial to
those who had fallen, than to
spend a lot of money on a statue.
As regards the criticism that the
naval, military and civilian ele-
ments would not mix, he could
only say that his experience on
visiting home just at the close of
the war had been that these social
barriers were being rapidly swept
away, and common manhood and
brotherhood established in its
place. Speaking for the civilian
population of this Colony, he
would say that there was not one
who would not be as pleased to go
to the club and play a game of
billiards with the soldiers and
sailors as with his friends.The Governor proposed the
following resolution:—"That this
meeting approves of the erection
by public subscription of a
Y.M.C.A. building, to be managed
for the joint use of Navy, Army
and Civilians, by a joint Board of
Directors." He said the re-
solution raised two questions, one
being whether it was really de-
sirable there should be a building
of this nature and the other if
it was desirable that it should be a
Y.M.C.A. building. After all that
Mr. Holyoak had said nobody would
be prepared to dispute the fact that
such a building was desirable and
therefore necessary. The Naval
Commander-in-chief had had occa-
sion to comment on the absence of
social facilities in Hongkong, which
he found were not sufficient for
naval needs. With regard to the

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on for a long time most success-
fully, and he was sure that no mat-
ter what was done with the pre-
sent scheme it would not detract
in the least from the support that
that institution would receive
from the public. He assured Mr.
Waldegrave that the new build-
ing would not be antagonistic to
or competitive with the Seamen's
Mission. They wished to co-oper-
ate. (Applause.) Indeed, there
was room for both of them, as the
Colony was growing. There were
more British men here than be-
fore the war, and it was certain
that the Fleet would be augmented
and perhaps also the Army. Whether
or not the Army went to
Kowloon the new quarters would
be required. Criticism had been
offered too about the suggested
name for the new building. After
thorough thought, the Committee
believed that the success of the
venture depended on its being ad-
ministered on Y.M.C.A. lines, as
they could provide trained men
for the work. The Y.M.C.A. had
justified its existence during the
war and the fact that a man was a
member of it meant assistance if
he needed it when passing home
through America or Canada. The
housing problem was so acute in
Hongkong that if the beds he had
alluded to were offered they would
be booked up within a week. They
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spend a lot of money on a statue.
As regards the criticism that the
naval, military and civilian ele-
ments would not mix, he could
only say that his experience on
visiting home just at the close of
the war had been that these social
barriers were being rapidly swept
away, and common manhood and
brotherhood established in its
place. Speaking for the civilian
population of this Colony, he
would say that there was not one
who would not be as pleased to go
to the club and play a game of
billiards with the soldiers and
sailors as with his friends.Army he thought it was obvious
there was not sufficient accommoda-
tion of this nature for the present
army. When the greater part
of the garrison migrated across the
water it was absolutely essential
that they should have some place to
which they could go when on
leave. From the point of view
of the civilians he thought it
was generally admitted there
was ample room for a
club which would meet the needs of
persons who were unable to join
one of the existing clubs. With
regard to the question as to whether
it should be a Y.M.C.A. building,
for the reason Mr. Holyoak had
given he was entirely of opinion
that it should be. He would con-
fess, in the presence of the
Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., that
not many years ago he had rather a
prejudice against the Y.M.C.A.,
mainly because he knew nothing
about it and partly because it
appeared to him to embrace one
particular side of life. He,
however, very soon changed his
opinion after a short experience
of the admirable work the Y.M.C.A.
was doing in Ceylon. He had seen
a good deal of its work and he felt
everyone would endorse everything
Mr. Holyoak had said about it.
(Applause.)
Admiral Sir A. L. Duff, K.C.B.,
said that the two previous speak-
ers had said almost all he had in-
tended to say and, so to speak, had
cut the ground from under his
feet. Therefore, since all great
minds thought alike, there was lit-
tle to do other than support the
scheme in toto. However, since
the scheme involved the Navy, he
had a few words to say in regard
to their position. Hongkong was
the main base of the China Flotilla,
and many men were employed
ashore permanently in adminis-
trative work. At least once a
year the ships came into port for
refitting, and, during that time,
there was a certain amount of re-
laxation. It was consequently
essential for the men to have some
social facilities ashore. One of
the first questions that had come
before him had been that of the
demolition of the old naval can-
teen. A reclamation scheme
adopted at the time had sounded
the death-knell of the scheme.
When he had visited the canteen
he felt that the Navy was really
under an obligation to the Re-
clamation Scheme. A more un-
suitable site and quarters he could
not imagine. Straightaway he
had approached the Admiralty on
the matter of a new site and had
been given a most sympathetic
hearing and had put the matter
of a site before the War
Office. There the matter stood
at present. When the scheme
for the amalgamated club
had been put forward, the
Navy had immediately ceased its
agitation for an individual club
with the intention of supporting
the new scheme. They had not
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Shanghai, Dec. 2.

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Messimer, editor of the China
Observer, for comment on a recent
passage at arms in the Mixed Court,
the preliminary hearing has been
fixed for Saturday morning.

THE BOULON CASE.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

The case for the prosecution
has closed in the Boulon case, the
charge virtually resting on the
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barriers which hitherto and at present existed in Hongkong. The second great advantage they stood to gain was that of a permanent and worthy memorial to the men who had fallen at the Front. For these reasons, they were prepared to support the proposed club as strongly as possible. So far as they were concerned, they had no reason to suppose that the War Office would provide a site, but he was sure that, if the Navy was forced to go on alone, there would be no difficulty about a site. He felt now that, if they all held together, the site would be forthcoming when it was wanted. Last of all, he would announce plainly that the Navy did not stand for a test of the site. They wanted a first class bar and restaurant. These were essentials to the success of the Club. In conclusion, he wanted to say that he would not be on the platform supporting any scheme which would, in any way, interfere with the splendid work Mr. Waldegrave was doing in Hongkong.—(Applause).

Major General Ventris, C.B., said that he had written home to the War Office on November last, in regard to the site, asking them to cable approval, and hoped to receive a reply before the end of the month. A temperance hall where young men could go without being subject to the temptation of drink was a necessity in every garrison town. This want had been filled in the past by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Institute, of which he could not speak too highly, and which he understood was to be shortly demolished. Thanks were also due to other similar institutions. Of course, they must always have their canteens and refreshment halls in barracks, but in a place like this, where there were so many small detachments, the officers, not having sufficient funds, could not make them as comfortable as a building such as was proposed to be erected would do. He intended sending a report of the proceedings to the War Office, and he had no hesitation in recommending the scheme to the favourable consideration of the public. This building would be a graceful tribute to the silent million who slept beneath foreign soil and at the bottom of the sea. (Applause).

Mr. G. T. Edkins said that they had listened with great interest to what the previous speakers had said, and hence the ground had been cut from under his feet. The proposed scheme would benefit mainly the Service men, and the canteen would benefit not only the Service men but also civilians, and for the fact that the scheme would be beneficial to the Services it would receive the heartiest support of the Colony. (Cheers). It would provide an up-to-date indoor recreation club, such as did not at present exist, that was, a building with swimming baths, gymnasium and a large entertainment hall, linked up with living quarters and well-equipped reading rooms. In a measure some such institutions existed in the Colony, rendering good services to the Service men, such as the Seamen's Mission and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, and they provided good accommodation. Meals could be had on the premises and various kinds of recreation were provided. The Seamen's Institute was a model little institute of its kind, and it did a great deal of good work for both the mercantile marine officers and Service men. It had been remarked that there were some who saw objections to the present proposal because it was thought that with its greater advantages it would clash with the existing institutes. He was afraid that to some extent this must be so, but the tendency was towards a growing demand for club facilities and recreation. This demand was growing greater and greater, and he believed there was room for such a scheme, and for the old ones as well. He did not think there would be any objection to the big scheme. In was proposed to accommodate five hundred persons. He thought in that connection it would be of advantage to approach those responsible for running existing institutes to join the Committee that would be organising the new Y.M.C.A. building, and he believed it would be a good thing if they could be persuaded in due course to join the Board of Control, because he felt sure their advice and guidance would be valuable. He offered for the consideration of those responsible the names of Commander C. W. Beckwith, and the Manager

of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, which he believed was run by the Wesleyan Mission. Amalgamation was the spirit of the times. They saw it proposed in the scheme before them, and it might be found that it could be carried further as regards co-operation between the present seamen's institutes and this large scheme. Personally, he was strongly in favour of associating the proposal with the Y.M.C.A. He believed Mr. Holyoak's proposals were sound, and he thought the Y.M.C.A. was the only association which could be depended upon to provide capable men. Their prestige during the war warranted it, and they were the people to provide a body of experienced men in the work of running the new enterprise. He had much pleasure in supporting the proposal.

Two representatives of the Lower Deck spoke of the desire of the Fleet for a building such as it was proposed to erect. They said that the men of the Fleet wanted social and professional education that would equip them to mix with the civilians wherever they went. They were ashamed to take their friends to the present quarters provided for them. They wanted a place where they could bring their wives and sweethearts.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

Hon. Mr. Johnston submitted the following resolution:—That the following gentlemen be invited to become patrons of the said building: H. E. the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., H. E. Major-General Ventris, C.B., Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Duff, K.C.B., Commander W. Bowden-Smith, R.N., and Mr. G. T. Edkins. He said that as they were aware, he succeeded Mr. Lang in the chairmanship of the War Memorial Committee. Certain recommendations were put forward by his Committee as to the form which this memorial should take, and through H. E. the Governor they were enabled to obtain the "finest site" on which to erect it. The Finance Committee now had the matter in hand, and in point of fact all arrangements had been completed to call for designs, arrange for judges and issue subscription lists, when the present proposal was put forward. As it was stated that there existed a feeling in the Colony that they could employ a large sum of money—such as they had decided to devote to the Memorial—to better advantage, an emergency committee was called, that morning to consider whether or not they could better serve the requirements of the Colony if they put down their proposed expenditure on an expensive "club" and supported the idea of a comprehensive Y. M. C. A. building, which would at all events be of use to our fighting services, if indeed it did, or did not become of equal value to a considerable body of young Britons within the course of the next few years. The result of their meeting, that morning, was that complete agreement was reached that we should support this Y.M.C.A. scheme wholeheartedly, and make our share in it our War Memorial. But that at the same time they should also erect in a suitable position in Statue Square a simple and less costly remembrance of those who would never return. (Applause). They might not be able still to retain the "finest site" for this less expensive scheme, but they trusted that, if their suggestion met with the general approval of the meeting, His Excellency, who he believed had the rearrangement of the Square in view, would allow them a suitable site even if they were not permitted to retain the original one. (Applause). This suggestion might be regarded with disfavour by some, but if it met general favour that night, and a resolution were put forward to the effect that his Committee were desirous by that meeting to support the Y.M.C.A. scheme in preference to, but not excluding entirely, the idea of a suitable but simple memorial in Statue Square, they would accept it with pleasure. He realized that the question of a war memorial was not on the agenda for that night's meeting, but he explained the views of the War Memorial Committee, and as that meeting was representative of the Colony's leading men, he considered the opportunity of obtaining their views too good to be missed. (Hear, hear). With regard to the scheme itself, and if desired quite apart from the War Memorial, he would not have consented to serve on the Finance Committee, if elected, had he not considered the proposal good and worthy of support. If the civilian element did not yet mix with the naval and military, all he could say was that it was "time they damn well did," and he suggested

they should take seriously to heart the remarks so ably put forward by the Lower Deck. Further, the necessary funds would be considerable and he suggested that a little less lip service and fewer anonymous letters to the papers explaining how "I would have done it, if Bill had not done it for me," would be acceptable, as also would be a subscription. (Laughter and applause).

Mr. G. M. Dodwell seconded the resolution, which was carried with unanimity.

Mr. Grist thought that the amendment suggested in Mr. Johnston's speech against the memorial should be added to the resolution.

His Excellency said that if he could have seen his way to dovetail it into a motion for the appointment of a committee he would do so; but that was not possible and the matter would necessarily have to be dealt with as another resolution. Proceeding, His Excellency said that matters had been taken so far by the War Memorial Committee that he did not feel disposed to express an opinion, even if he had been asked to do so. Bronze or stone statues which involved the expenditure of a large sum of money were wasteful. They knew how many statues there were in London which were never looked at. Nothing would be required to remind the present generation of what our men had done in the war, and for the next generation, there could be no more suitable reminder than a large building. It would be seen far more often than a statue on the principal site in the Colony. One of the reasons that he had not volunteered a statement to the Memorial Committee was that he had a suspicion that a site would be asked for. He had made up his mind that, so far as he was able to prevent it, no building would be erected on the best site in the Colony and to prevent its being done he would support the raising of a statue there.

Mr. Grist moved: "That the Memorial be amalgamated in its major part with the new Y.M.C.A. and that in addition a simple Memorial be erected on what is known as the finest site, in Statue Square."

Mr. R. Hancock seconded.

Mr. E. C. Lang asked what the name of the new club was to be. He said it was a question of great importance. The name Union Jack would be popular with all.

A Sailor: At our meeting we supported the idea of the club being called the Union Club to indicate the amalgamation.

Mr. Edkins pointed out that in the resolutions that had been adopted the name used had been Y.M.C.A. Was it possible now to go on to another line? He said that he believed the Y.M.C.A. was the best body to run such a club and it was questionable whether or not they would undertake to do so unless it bore their name. The Y.M.C.A. assured a permanent Board of Control and that was what they wanted.

His Excellency asked Mr. McPherson whether or not there was any objection by the Y.M.C.A. to establishing their staff in a building not bearing their name.

Mr. McPherson said he could not reply offhand. Y.M.C.A. people were running the Red Triangle Club.

Mr. Lang questioned whether or not the Y.M.C.A. would object to run any club which embraced a canteen, since their rules were strongly against the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Admiral Duff said that the proposal of the Navy was to have the canteen in a separate building adjoining the club.

Mr. Lang said that the discussion was not getting them nearer to a decision about the name of the club.

His Excellency thought this was a matter that could be left to the Board of Directors. Those who found objection had their remedy in not subscribing. Those who did not wish to have liquor need not go into the canteen buildings.

Mr. Grist's motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock moved: "That the following gentlemen be appointed a Finance Committee, for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of the said building:—Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (Chairman), Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E. (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. G. T. Edkins, Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. J. L. McPherson (Hon. Secretary). He thought everyone would agree with him that in order that the building might be a success, it must be thoroughly and properly equipped and provided with various adjuncts all of which had been mentioned in the columns of the Press. It must be a thoroughly up to date building which would attract members of the Services and civilians. He felt

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sure that on the lines it was proposed to run the new building it would meet with the hearty approval and financial support of the community, more especially when they bore in mind the enormous sacrifices the members of the Services suffered in the recent war. (Applause).

Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, in seconding, said members of the audience would remember that two or three years ago when the former subscriptions to the Y.M.C.A. building were made, they could not get on with the work because there was no site. It seemed to him that it was a special dispensation of Providence that there was not one available at that time, because that meeting would certainly have been held under different auspices if it had been so. After what had been said that night he felt all were convinced that the site must be given. (Applause).

A gentleman in the audience directed attention to the question of finance. He said that permanent organisation was necessary since the sailors and soldiers moved away frequently and the civilians would have to bear the chief expense. This made it all the more necessary that the Y. M. C. A. be in charge. Finance must have careful attention. Were the rooms to be let out free and were club privileges to be free? It was obviously not fair that civilians be made to pay \$50 per month while beds would be let nightly to sailors for twenty-five cents. All these questions would have to be settled.

Mr. Holyoak replied that such details in a large scheme could be all left to the Committee. He did not think anyone wanted privileges free. The Naval Institute looked after the casual visitors ashore so far as beds were concerned. The scheme would involve something like five lakhs of dollars and would be carefully supervised. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hickling proposed the following resolution, which, having been seconded, was carried unanimously:—"That this meeting approves of the present Directors of the Y.M.C.A. now in Hongkong, together with representatives from the Navy and Army, as a Board to manage this scheme."

The meeting then concluded.

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Princess Louise	109.5	100,000
Princess Margaret	109.0	50,000
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Princess Victoria	104.0	49
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Princess Victoria	100.5	0
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Princess Victoria	97.0	0
Princess Alice	96.5	0
Princess Mary	96.0	0
Princess Louise	95.5	0
Princess Margaret	95.0	0
Princess Alexandra	94.5	0
Princess Beatrice	94.0	0
Princess Victoria	93.5	0
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DO MEN UNDERSTAND WOMEN?

Why Their Theories Are Open to Suspicion.

Many men flatter themselves that they understand women; but most women either sneer at their claim or rebuke it. At the moment quite a number of them are busy in rebuking Mr. Arnold Bennett, who is commonly supposed to be an expert in this great matter, and certainly writes about it with an impressive air of omniscience. They are rebuking him; moreover, not for being rude, but for being stupid. So the question is fairly poised, and should repay inquiry, writes Francis Gribble in the Daily Chronicle.

One fact, at any rate, is certain. If men fail to understand women, they assuredly do not fail for lack of feminine assistance. Women, like men, may have left undone a great many of the things which they ought to have done; but they have not at any rate, neglected to explain themselves. During this twentieth century, if not before, they seem positively to have revelled in doing so. The air has long been resonant with their explanations; the printed page has long been full of them.

If, therefore, men are still baffled by the problem, one of two conclusions must be drawn: either the male intelligence is dense, or else the feminine explanations have been lacking in candour. It is an awkward dilemma. On which of its horns shall we elect to be impaled?

IN PRINT AND PRIVATE. One would prefer, of course, to wriggle out of the dilemma without being pierced by either horn; and this is how the average man endeavours to escape from it. His trouble with the problem, he says, is certainly not due to any lack of explanations or any scepticism as to their bona-fides. He is perplexed, rather, by the immense number of those explanations, and by the fact that the explanations offered in print so rarely coincide with those put forward in private.

In print, he remarks, women represent themselves as a united band of sisters, all standing shoulder to shoulder for the purpose of spiritualising the world and setting it generally to rights; but in private conversation this illusion of unity disappears. In print, that is to say, women are always backing each other up; but in private they frequently run each other down—each of them, so to say, putting herself on the back at the expense of all the others.

OUR SPIRITUAL SECRETS. Those who have grasped that fact have perhaps begun to understand; and cynics add another fact which, if true, has no inconsiderable bearing on the subject. When, they urge, a woman protests that a man has failed to understand her, she does not mean exactly what she says. Indeed, she generally means the opposite of what she says—that he has succeeded in understanding her—that he has penetrated the shield of her artifices—or, at any rate, that he has shown reluctance to take her at her own valuation.

Is that true? It is probably true not of women only, but of all human beings. We all like to think that we go through life guarding our own spiritual secrets, and have important secrets to guard. The difference lies perhaps in woman's tendency to confuse the secret of an individual with the mystery which wraps a sex. Probably men understand women better than women suppose. Above all, the individual man often understands the individual woman better than she is willing to

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Death.

FLETCHER.—At Victoria Hospital, on 3rd, December, Jane Chalmers, wife of John Charles Fletcher of Queen's College. Funeral passes Monument at 5 p.m. on 4th December.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1920.

THE RUBBER INDUSTRY.

In view of the undoubtedly serious position of the rubber industry (in which Hongkong is not a little financially interested, and Singapore almost wholly so) we need offer no excuse for making reference to it in this column. The southern Colony is passing through a crisis of very great magnitude and we hear, on very reliable authority, that business is almost at a complete standstill in consequence of the sensational drop in rubber prices. Several commercial concerns have been forced to close and rubber companies are seeking to restrict the output so that a reduced supply will induce profitable prices. Whether their efforts will meet with success remains to be seen, but, meanwhile, we in Hongkong will very readily extend our sympathy to those down south who are faced with such a serious proposition as the rubber industry now presents.

The cause of the present situation is not that consumption has declined but that the increase in the production of rubber is at a much greater rate than the increase in consumption. We have it on the expert authority of the Chairman of Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Limited, that by the end of this year there is likely to be an accumulation of from 35,000 to 40,000 tons over the stock necessary for the working of the industry, with the possible tendency for this surplus to increase rather than diminish during 1921. The position is aggravated and rendered more critical by financial stringency both in England and in America, making it very difficult for those who might wish to do so to carry more stock than is necessary for the actual requirements of their business. Such a position was certainly not anticipated at the beginning of the year, when the large manufacturers were expecting a greatly increased demand, and were even apprehensive as to the sufficiency of the supply of raw rubber with which to meet it. The causes which have prevented the materialisation of a great increase in the demand vary in different countries. Directly or indirectly they all arise as a result of the war, and from the economic disturbances accompanying the transition period through which we are passing. The financial conditions in the United States should become easier as the transport situation improves, and the strain which accompanied the financing of the harvest relaxes. The adverse European exchanges, being the result of inflated currency and adverse trade balances, will probably take a longer period before reaching anything approaching normal conditions. Under present conditions the French manufacturer buying rubber on the London market to-day has to pay more than twice as many francs per lb. as the Italian has to pay from 3 to 4 times as many lire, and the German more than 12 times as many marks as they would do if their exchanges were normal. Neither France nor Italy will take as much as last year, while Russia, which the year before the war took from 10,000 to 15,000 tons, and Austria, which took 3,000 tons, are still entirely out of the market. Germany before the war took over 16,000 tons, but this year it is estimated she may take about half of that amount. Little real improvement in the economic conditions of most of those countries can be looked for until their expenditure is reduced to correspond with their revenue and the continuous inflation of currency stopped. The political and social conditions must be stabilised and their production largely increased, for which purpose credits must be provided as a necessary condition to the restoration of the export trade.

It is to be feared that no great expansion in the demand is to be looked for immediately. Meanwhile the price of rubber has fallen to a figure at which many estates can only produce at a loss, and which is probably little, if at all, above the average cost to the whole plantation industry. If this situation is allowed to develop further without interference it will be likely seriously to impair the productive efficiency of the industry for the future. This is being increasingly recognised by those connected with the plantation industry, and a favourable response to the proposals of the Rubber Growers' Association for the necessary restriction of output of both British and Dutch plantations, whether controlled in Europe or in the East, now appears to be assured. As regards the restriction of output of both rubber and tea, it is claimed by the industry that this is a temporary measure, and one not taken with a view of increasing profits, but in order that the industries in question may be saved from the continuance of losses which threaten to cripple permanently, and possibly in many cases ruin, the productive possibilities of the future. Rightly understood, the action proposed is intended to preserve and make it possible to increase the production of the future, and is not inconsistent therefore with the generally admitted theory that the way to economical recovery throughout the world lies in increased production.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Hongkong's New Institute.

The meeting held last night for the purpose of giving consideration to the question of erecting a big European Y.M.C.A. institute in Hongkong can be regarded as one of the most satisfactory gatherings ever held in the Colony. It was thoroughly representative of the naval, military and civilian sections of the community, and there was evident a feeling of co-operation and sociability which augurs well for the carrying out of the scheme outlined. We have already commented upon the purposes which such an institution will serve, and we were glad to see that there was a unanimous feeling at last night's public meeting of the desirability of such a social centre. There was some discussion as to the name of the proposed building, but we think that after due reflection it will be conceded that the Y.M.C.A., which is willing to give expert service in the running of the institution, should be clearly associated with it. There are many people who are prejudiced against the Y.M.C.A., thinking it a milk-and-water kind of body, but those who are acquainted with what it has done in the realm of physical and mental recreation, especially during the war, know that these beliefs are wholly unwarranted. The Y.M.C.A. does not operate on the lines of pushing religion down people's throats. It realises that there is a call for the provision of social and recreative centres quite distinct from religious activity, and it is prepared to run such centres with men who know and understand men's needs. It is a temperance organisation, admittedly, but for those who are not teetotallers there will be, adjacent to this proposed new Y.M.C.A. building, a naval institute run on canteen lines, which will be solely managed by the Navy. So the position comes to this: the Y.M.C.A. will cater for the mental and physical needs of young Britons; the naval institute, adjacent, will provide hard drinks in decent surroundings for those who want them. It is, indeed, a very happy working arrangement.

The War Memorial.

The most interesting aspect of the meeting, to our way of thinking, was the decision to incorporate the war memorial with this new building by spending less than was intended on a granite monument and devoting the money thus saved to the support of the Y. M. C. A. project. In this connection it may be recalled that at a meeting of the General Peace Celebration and War Memorial Committee held last March, approval was given to a scheme for erecting on the "finest site" an obelisk accompanied by a colonnade, the cost of which was estimated at \$300,000. There was, at that time, considerable criticism of the idea of spending such a huge sum on a stone memorial, and apparently to meet public opinion on the question it was announced some days ago that the cost had been reduced to about \$125,000. It would now appear that even that sum may not be spent on the monument, for the Hon. Mr. Johnston last night stated that the proposal to support the Y.M.C.A. scheme had been approved after the arrangements were completed for calling for designs, etc. So presumably the conditions of the local architects' competition will now be altered. The War Memorial Finance Committee has certainly acted wisely and most opportunely by resolving to concentrate rather more on this new building project than on a costly stone monument, and its revised policy, so warmly approved last night, will certainly be more in line with public feeling than the squandering of a huge sum on a "look-see" project. Taken all through, there was much practicality evinced at last night's meeting, and we wish the promoters every success in a venture that should be a credit to the Colony.

A "PUNCH" VIEW.

Thus John Bull: Our dear old friend, Mr. Punch, in suggestions for a new general paper for the examination of students in the Oxford School of English Literature, gives as one of the tasks "Estimate the effect on Reconstruction if Mr. Bottomley were to devote himself exclusively to theological studies, and Mr. Wells were to take up his abode permanently in Russia."

DAY BY DAY.

LAWYERS ARE LIKE CORNWERS, WHICH MAY CATCH SMALL FLIES, BUT LET WASPS AND HORNETS BREAK THROUGH.—Swift.

The Hongkong St. George's Society intends holding a ball on the night of January 6th.

The Bishop of Victoria will preach in St. Peter's Church, West Point, on Sunday morning.

There was one non-fatal case of puerperal fever notified yesterday, a Chinese being the sufferer.

The O. S. K. has issued two very striking wall calendars, one bearing a fine picture of an ancient junk in full sail.

A fire which broke out in a matchbox at Ngau Shi Wan, the property of the Kwong On Company, at 5.15 a.m. on the 2nd instant, caused damage to the extent of \$750. The fire is attributed to the throwing of a lighted cigarette on the thatched roof by a passer-by.

A grey overcoat, valued at \$4 a khaki rain-coat, £2, and a white and green striped waistcoat, of the value of 10s., were reported by Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh, Registrar of the Hongkong University, as being stolen from a table in the Hall last night between the hours of 6 and 6.45 p.m.

To-morrow's Pictorial Supplement will include a photograph of the s.s. Whangpu leaving the slipways at Taikoo, as well as a group of the guests taken at the launching of this vessel: portraits of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Dr. Wu Ting-fang; a group of Canton Army leaders and a picture of Canton students marching to a mass meeting. Some striking pictures will also be given showing pillaging and desecration of Catholic churches in the Wai-chow district by Kwangsi troops.

The four Chinese arrested by Sub-Inspector Murphy and party at No. 1 St. Francis Yard on Wednesday morning were to-day produced before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Police Court, when a discussion was raised over the nature of the charge, it being stated that although two of the prisoners had actually entered the floor, the charge of attempted armed robbery was not appropriate, as no such attempt had been carried through. In the alternative, the charge has to be proved against the prisoners of being in possession of arms and other offensive means used in an armed robbery. The evidence which the prosecution will furnish on the point will be to the effect that each prisoner was in possession of a dagger, a packet of pepper, and an orange, the latter apparently intended for gagging their victims. The plan alleged to be intended by the prisoners was that they proposed to enter the floor on receipt of a false message, in connection with which they also brought a basket of what purported to be eatables, but in reality it is said to have contained nothing more than a few stones carefully concealed under a layer of paper. As this plan was being put into execution, they were arrested by the waiting police officers. A remand was given to the case.

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REWARDS FOR DISCOVERY.

The Times Medical Correspondent writes:—It is understood that the proposal to grant rewards to men of science whose discoveries have enriched mankind has been referred straight to the Prime Minister, who is expected shortly to announce a decision. The proposal was submitted before Mr. Balfour and Mr. Austen Chamberlain.

ANOTHER PIRACY.

Junk Stolen by Masked Men.

Another piracy has been reported to the Police on the return of the master of a trading junk who was rescued from a barren island where he was marooned by the robbers who stole his boat and also kidnapped his crew.

At noon on Wednesday, trading junk No. 5095, with a crew of three, including the master, was sailing near Taiyoi Bay, on her way from Tap Min to Hongkong, when she was fired upon by a small boat which turned out to be a pirate vessel manned by a crew of five masked desperadoes. Being without the means to exchange the robbers' greetings in like kind, the junk had to heave-to, and the robbers boarded her and took possession. They drove the master and his two men into the fore-hold, and when the vessel reached Kwo Chau, the former was taken ashore to an isolated islet, and left there. The last glimpse which he obtained of the robbers was when they sailed eastwards with his two foks.

After several lonely hours on the island, a passing junk took him off, and he reached Hongkong yesterday and reported the circumstances of the robbery to the Police, mentioning that the loss of his boat had cost him \$200, not calculating the \$50 in money and other property of the value of \$282 of which the robbers had assumed possession.

"UNCLE NED."

A Delightful New Comedy.

The Warwick Comedy Company open here next week with a fine repertoire of comedies. The opening play will be that recent St. James' success "Uncle Ned" by Douglas Murray. Uncle Ned is the most charming personality and the whole play is one long ripple of laughter and delicious sentiment. It would be unfair to give the plot away beforehand, but if the local theatregoers are not delighted with Uncle Ned and his charming young relations, they must indeed be hard to please. An evening is always well spent in witnessing good plays, well acted, and we are really anticipating many cheery evenings in company with the Warwick Comedy Company and their splendid selection of plays.

It is particularly interesting to hear that we shall have an opportunity of seeing Mr. Edgar Warwick himself in the title role of "Uncle Ned." It is a part that suits his breezy personality. Mr. Warwick has that happy knack of tickling our risible faculties, and he has plenty of opportunity in the guise of Uncle Ned.

The plans are now on view at Mountie's. On Saturday afternoon they will beat the Hongkong Hotel from 2 p.m. till 5 o'clock.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson in a recent lecture at Manchester, detailed some diverting Shakespearean reminiscences. Giving his "credentials" Sir Johnston recalled that at the age of twelve he took part in a children's production of "Hamlet," when the audience included D. G. Rossetti, Ford Madox Brown and his wife, and Swinburne. "Swinburne embarrassed me by chanting the lines in a low voice as I uttered them," said the lecturer. Abandoning his art studies at the age of 21, Sir Johnston took to the stage as a calling. His earliest performances were in the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, under "that remarkable man" Calvert. "Here," said Sir Johnston, "I had the good fortune to meet the great tragedian Samuel Phelps. From the first rehearsals, at the Prince's Theatre to the day of his death I supported him in all his parts. Phelps was the favourite actor of Macready; Macready played with Mrs. Siddons; she in her turn played with Garrick. So, by accident, I happen to have a good histrionic pedigree." Sir Johnston interjected a story about two ladies who were sitting behind him at a performance of "Antony and Cleopatra" during the reign of Queen Victoria. The curtain went down on a scene in which Cleopatra had "kicked considerably over the traces." One of the ladies was heard to say to the other: "How very different from the home-life of our dear Queen."

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

President Wilson as Mediator.

Washington, November 30. President Wilson has accepted the invitation of the League of Nations to act as mediator regarding the Armenian situation. President Wilson makes it clear that he can only use moral influence, as he lacks authority to employ force without the consent of Congress.

Yearly Meeting of Assembly.

Geneva, November 30. The Assembly of the League of Nations has adopted a proposal by Signor Ferraris (Italy) that the Assembly meet yearly on the first Monday in September at the seat of the League, either at Geneva or, in exceptional cases, at any other place selected by the Council.

The 'Economic Weapon'.

Geneva, December 1. Important resolutions preparing the way for effective application of the economic weapon in favour of world peace were passed by the Blockade Sub-Committee of the League, presided over by Lord Robert Cecil. The resolutions propose that in the event of a Breach of the Covenant being reported to the Council, each country belonging to the League shall break off diplomatic relations with the delinquent State and take as rapidly as possible measures, compatible with its national constitution, to prohibit its inhabitants having relations with the inhabitants of the State against which the blockade is directed.

RECORD CRICKET.

Over 1,000 Runs in Two Innings.

Melbourne, December 1. In the cricket match between Victoria and South Australia, Victoria scored 310 and 724, the latter being a record second innings. Armstrong made a world's record, scoring in the first innings 157 not out and in the second innings 245. South Australia made 246 in their first innings. The match is continuing.

Later. South Australia in their second innings made 403. Rundell scored 116 and 110 not out.

M. C. C. TOUR.

Queensland Well Beaten.

Brisbane, November 30. The M. C. C. team defeated Queensland by an innings and 41 runs. Rhodes made 162.

TURKO-ARMENIAN ARMISTICE.

Constantinople, December 1. A message from Tiflis says the second Turco-Armenian Armistice has been concluded. Peace negotiations opened at Alexandropol on November 23th, at which a Bolshevik commissary was present.

The departure of the Government Mission to Angora has been indefinitely postponed.

GERMANY REFUSES ALLIED DEMAND.

Berlin, November 30. The German Government has replied to the Allies' demand for compensation for the German dirigibles destroyed in July, 1919, either with money or new construction, that the Government cannot recognise its obligation to pay compensation. It suggests that if the Allies do not agree to this standpoint the matter might be submitted to an Arbitration Court.

THE FATE OF AUSTRIA.

Grave Financial Position.

London, December 1. One of the most important issues to be decided at the Conference this week between Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Leygues and Signor Sforza is the fate of Austria, whose financial position has recently become most critical, threatening its continued existence. Vienna newspapers state that the Reparations Committee are of opinion that Austria can be maintained independently of Germany and be reconstructed by an investment of 300 million dollars spread over five years. Political and financial circles in London favour Government participation in such an investment on the ground that it is sound insurance against a worse alternative. It is generally believed that the residue of the Austro-Hungarian Empire cannot again be thrown in the political melting pot without great danger of war. Banking and industrial interests are also anxious that the slump in British trade should not be aggravated by the economic upheaval which must inevitably ensue on the dissolution of Austria, as Vienna is still regarded as the gateway to the Balkan trade, and if paralysed British trade with the Balkans cannot be restored and unemployment in Britain would correspondingly increase.

COAL FOR EXPORT.

Some Restrictions Removed.

London, November 30. The Board of Trade has issued an Order freeing coal for export trade from all restrictions in regard to prices and conditions of sale, but the quality and description of coal which may be exported or supplied for foreign bunkering remains subject to the existing restrictions.

HOME BOXING.

Bantamweight Championship.

London, November 30. At the National Sporting Club, in a twenty rounds contest for the Bantamweight Championship of Britain, Jim Higgins (Scotland) the holder, out-pointed Billy Eynon (Wales).

THE POSTAL CONVENTION.

London, December 1. The Times correspondent at Madrid says the Postal Convention has been signed. The Empire delegates defeated a proposal to suppress the votes of all colonies and Dominions, which therefore will continue as great independent administrations.

FRENCH EMBASSY AT VATICAN REVIVED.

London, December 3. The French Chamber has adopted a Bill by 397 votes against 209 re-establishing the Embassy at the Vatican, thus closing the diplomatic rupture that had existed since 1905.

NAVAL PROMOTION.

London, November 30. Admiral Sir Cecil Burney has been promoted Admiral of the Fleet vice Admiral of the Fleet Sir George A. Callaghan (deceased).

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FOOTBALL.

Matches for To-morrow.

The football programme for to-morrow is as follows:—

DIVISION I.
Hongkong Club v. R.G.A.—
Club ground, 4 p.m.
Kowloon v. H.M.S. Carlisle.
Navy "B" ground, 4 p.m.
Hongkong Police v. S.C.A.
Navy "A" ground, 4 p.m.
Wiltshire v. H.M.S. Tamar.
Sookunpoo ground, 4 p.m.

DIVISION II.
22nd Punjab v. United.—
Navy "B" Ground, 2.30 p.m.
Oilers United v. Club de Recreo.—Navy "A" Ground, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. Club Reserves v. Staffs and Depts.—Club Ground, 2.30 p.m.

R.G.A. Reserves v. H.M.S. Carlisle Res.—Sookunpoo Ground, 2.30 p.m.
S.C.A. Reserves v. Indian Rec. Club.—S.C.A. Ground, 4 p.m.
Kowloon Res. v. St. Joseph's.—St. Joseph's Ground, 4 p.m.
H.M.S. Carlisle being in port, a full League programme is expected to take place.

The Club-R.G.A. match should attract a large crowd to the Club ground where a very fast and even game should take place. J. Rodger, absent from the Club side last week should be out again in this match and strengthen his side which did not play up to its usual form. The rearrangement of the side, owing to the absence of its brilliant centre half, was not a success and it is hoped there will be a little better combination on the part of the forwards. The R.G.A. will be out to maintain their unbeaten record in the league and if they play up to their usual form they should just manage to get home.

The Kowloon men will be out against the Carlisle men who have been absent from league football for five weeks and who now find themselves with four matches to in wipe off in midweek. The Navy men are triers and should give a good account of themselves in this match. The Kowloon team will be at full strength, but the shuffling about of the players does not tend to that combination which is necessary to win matches, therefore it is expected that the Navy men will make their first point in the league.

The Police will start their game on the Navy "A" ground against the S.C.A. with confidence as the result of their showing against the Club team last week. Their forwards are a fine set and are improving every week and if they can manage to maintain their present form throughout this month at the end of which they will be strengthened by the inclusion of Swann and also new blood, they should finish well up in the league table. The S.C.A. are at present up against luck for they play a good game every week but finish on the losing side. Their game with the Police this week should be fast and fairly even.

The Wilts-Tamar match should be a win for the soldiers, but a repetition of the midweek match, where these teams played a game, with the soldiers winners by 11 goals to 1, is not expected. The Tamar will be much stronger in this match but the game should go against them, for collectively the soldiers at the present time are fielding the best pack in Hongkong.

In the Junior Division, the St. Joseph's-Kowloon Reserve match should be the best match down to date, as they are bracketed at the top of the league table. St. Joseph's should win.

The R.G.A. meet the Carlisle on the Sookunpoo ground and an even game is expected, the teams sharing the point.

The Staffs should give the Club Reserves a good run and the points should go to the military team. The Reserves will again be handicapped by some of their players being in Camp over the week end.

The United Club de Recreo and S.C.A. Reserves should win their games.

A meeting of the league Committee is being held at Victoria Barracks, at 5.30 p.m. to-day to arrange matches for the Xmas holidays and to enquire into the circumstances under which two players were turned off the field for alleged misconduct.

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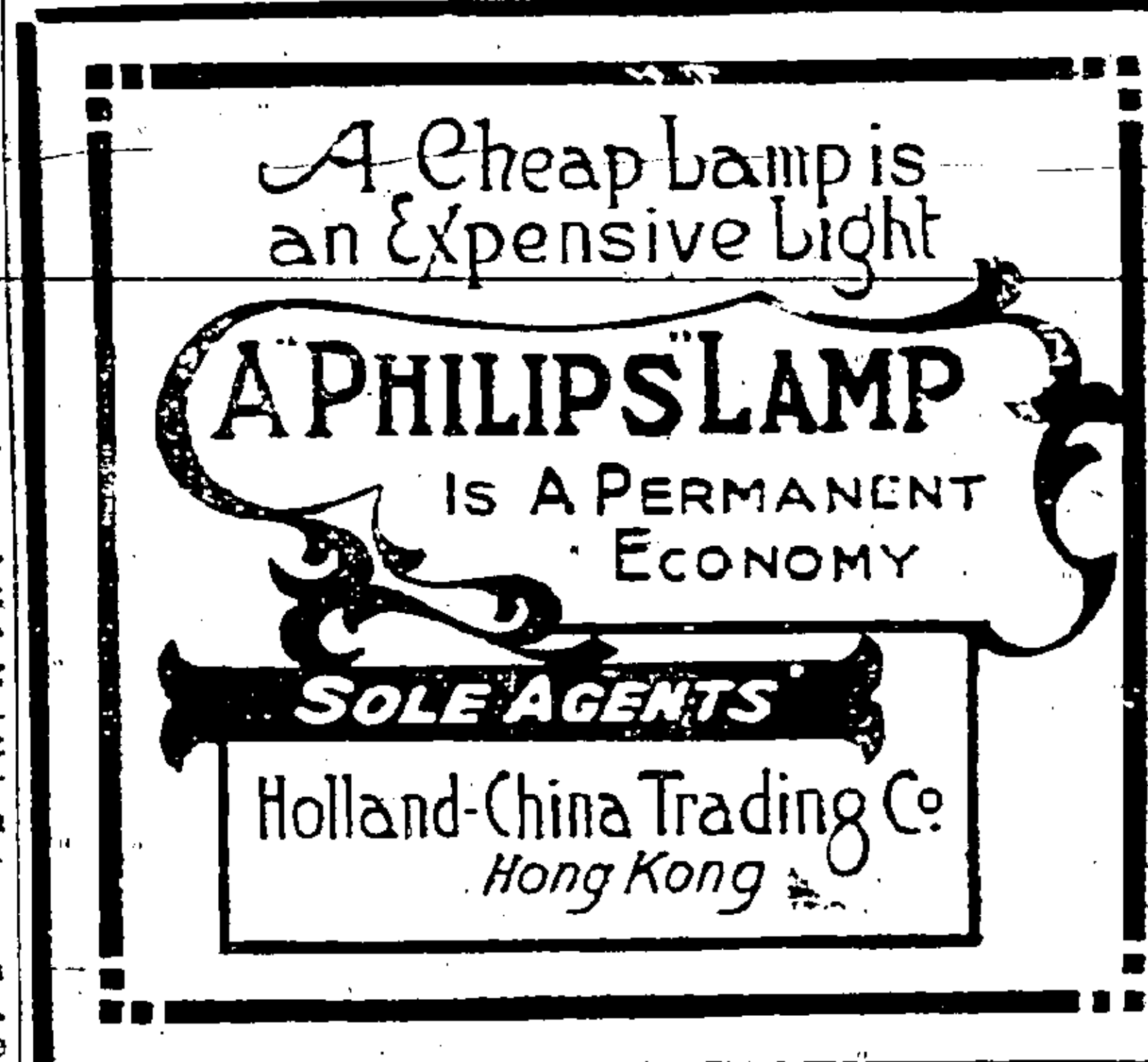
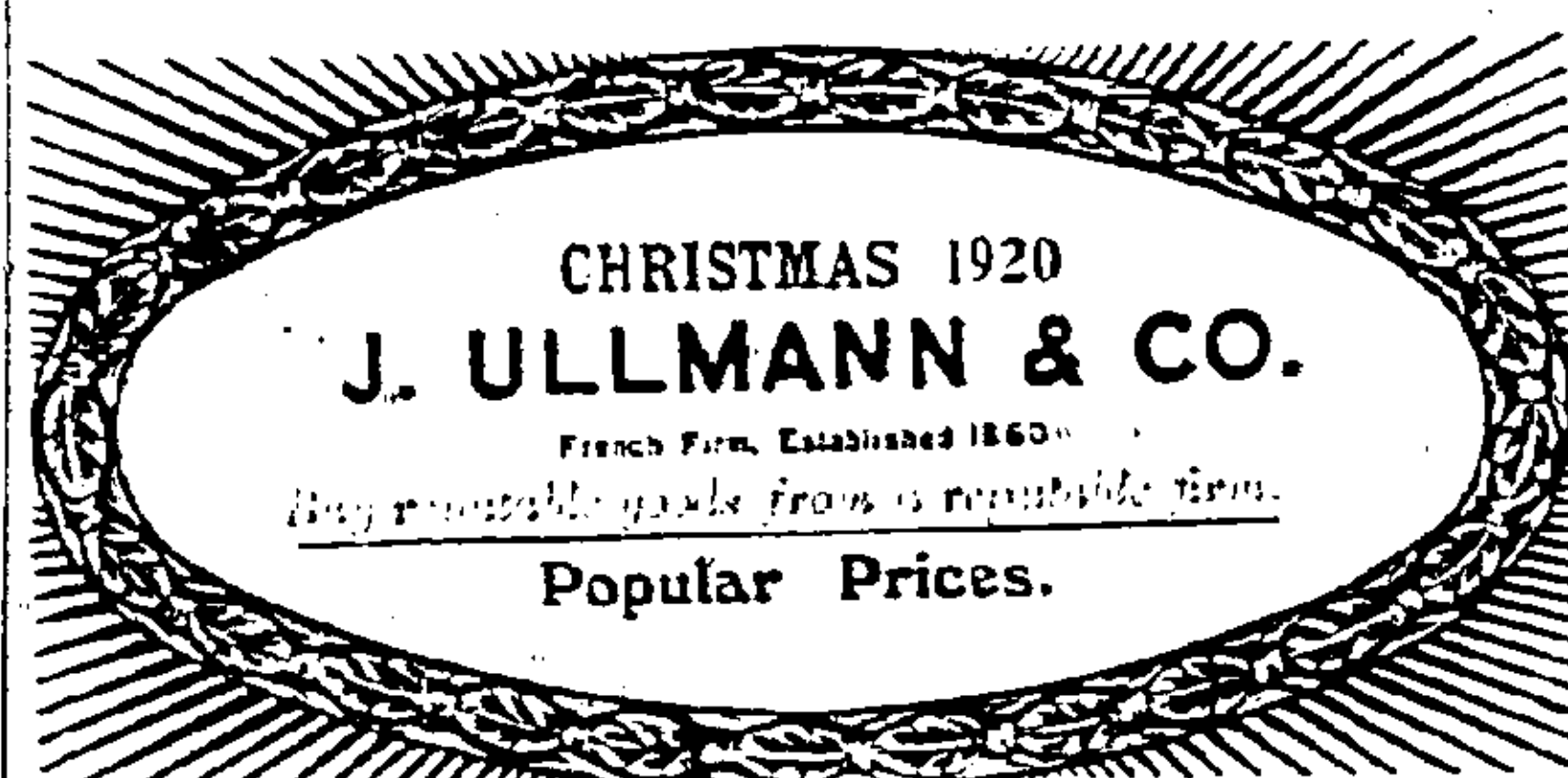
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TEAMS.

The following players have been selected to represent the United F. C. in their match against the 22nd Punjab:—Wm. McLeod; J. Beech and D. D. Urquhart, (Capt.); Chas. H. Blake, D. Laing, and C. R. Logan; J. Kent, P. Brown, Geo. May, A. E. Simmons, and Geo. Clubb. Reserves:—E. C. Fincher and W. T. Baker.

The following team will represent the Kowloon Football Club in their match with H.M.S. "Carlisle":—W. Crocker; F. Wheeler, T. L. Knight; J. Coupland, A. Weyman, P. R. Beeley, W. Taylor, C. E. Millard, R. Townsend, F. Evelyn, F. Clemo.

The Kowloon team against St. Joseph's will be:—H. McKay; S. H. Hewer, K. Mason; H. Roberts, J. Leech, A. Martin, A. Spary, E. W. Alderson, A. Palmer, A. Eastorffe, H. Blythe.

The following will represent the Club against the R.G.A.:—G. Rodger, W. Gerrard, F. Lawrence, M. L. Raiton, J. Rodger J.W.R. McPhail, J. B. Hamilton, L. Goldenberg, M. Sandberg, E. Moore, N. Other.

The following will represent the Staff and Depts in their League match against the Club Reserves:—Cpl. Rhodes, S. Sgt. Bradley, Lee, Cpl. Hopper, Lee, Cpl. Filmer, Q. M. S. Maughan, Pte. West, S. Sgt. Smith, Pte. Langridge, Pte. Barnes and Pte. Payne.

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KOWLOON NOTES.

(By "The Ferryman").

Kowloon was practically deserted on St. Andrew's Night, the Scottish Ball acting like a magnet in drawing people across the harbour. Extra late ferries were put on, and they were filled but happy crowds who came home in the wee sma' hours.

The next big Ball, I suppose, will be that at Kowloon Docks, always a most enjoyable affair. I hear there is to be a practice to-morrow night. In regard to floor-space, this Ball is immensely popular with dancers, for there is not the crush which one has to endure at the City Hall.

I suppose when Kowloon eventually gets its own Public Hall there will be accommodation for dances, as there surely ought to be. It's certainly a happy idea to celebrate the Jubilee by laying the foundation-stone of such a Hall. Let's hope the scheme will be got under way without delay.

Kowloon residents were greatly interested in reading the details of the scheme which the Dairy Farm Company has in contemplation for the erection of a big five or six-storied building on the peninsula. It's a splendid idea, and further illustrates the enterprise of this concern.

One aspect of the scheme which will appeal to residents will be the provision of lifts to the flats above the shops. Climbing several flights of stairs in the summer-time is not altogether the kind of recreation to become popular. But it's got to be done in Flatland, anyhow.

There are rumours afloat to the effect that the American community in Kowloon intends starting a tennis club and that eyes have been cast on some ground adjacent to the plot in front of Victoria View. I don't know how far this is true, though I have often wondered that the go-ahead Americans have not before this organised themselves in the realm of sport.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. Staff & Departments.

In the above match, to take place on Saturday, the 4th inst., at 2.15 p.m. on the Sookunpoo ground, the following will represent the I.R.C.:—A. H. Ramjahn, S. H. Ismail, G. C. Earle, D. Weerapuli, S. D. Ismail, K. Khan, S. K. Baksh, S. A. Ismail, A. Rauf, J. R. Currie and S. A. R. Ismail.

The following have been selected to represent the Staff and Depts:—Lieut. Col. Bowen, Col. Humphry, Lt. Col. Greer, Captains Carter and Spinks, Sgt. Major Haynes, S. Sgts. Marsh and Long, Condr. Harding, Sgt. Hollands and Lie. Cpl. Spinks. Reserve:—Sgt. Major Thompson.

Kowloon is made painfully aware of the fact that there are Boy Scouts on the peninsula by the frequent blowing of bugles at all hours and in all localities. Of course, the youngsters must practice somewhere, though residents wish they would go a little further afield.

The new Fire Station is now wearing quite a businesslike appearance with its full equipment duly housed. And the fire engine has already been out on quite a number of practice runs. I hear that the Chinese in Yaumati, when they first saw the engine careering along, almost imagined that the end of the world had arrived. Anyhow, they showed much curiosity in viewing the new fire-fighting apparatus.

My attention has been drawn to the fact that during the debate on the Budget the Colonial Secretary stated that when the military gives up possession of the land they occupy in Nathan Road the Government will take over the military hospital there. The gentleman who mentioned this to me wanted to know whether it is intended to have two hospitals in Kowloon—this one and the proposed new institution. I couldn't tell him. At any rate, he suggested that the Nathan Road site would be even better than the site chosen for the new hospital. There's something in what he says, too.



CAMERA NEWS



TO REBUILD BELGIUM.

Cardinal Mercier, photographed in the garden of his residence at Malines, Belgium, with John F. Martin, of Wisconsin, and John J. Leddy, of Saskatoon, Canada, Supreme Directors of the Knights of Columbus, who presented him with a purse of 330,000 francs raised by the Knights of Columbus for the rehabilitation of Belgium.



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BEFORE THE COAL STRIKE.

Left to right: Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Robert Horne arriving at a conference with coal miners and owners just before the strike.



FOOTBALL FOR WOMEN.

Football is now very popular among women in England. Above is a snapshot of a full-back.



CARPENTIER-LEVINSKY FIGHT.

Photograph shows Carpentier and Levinsky shaping up in the ring just before the start of their recent fight.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Helen Has a Telephone Call.

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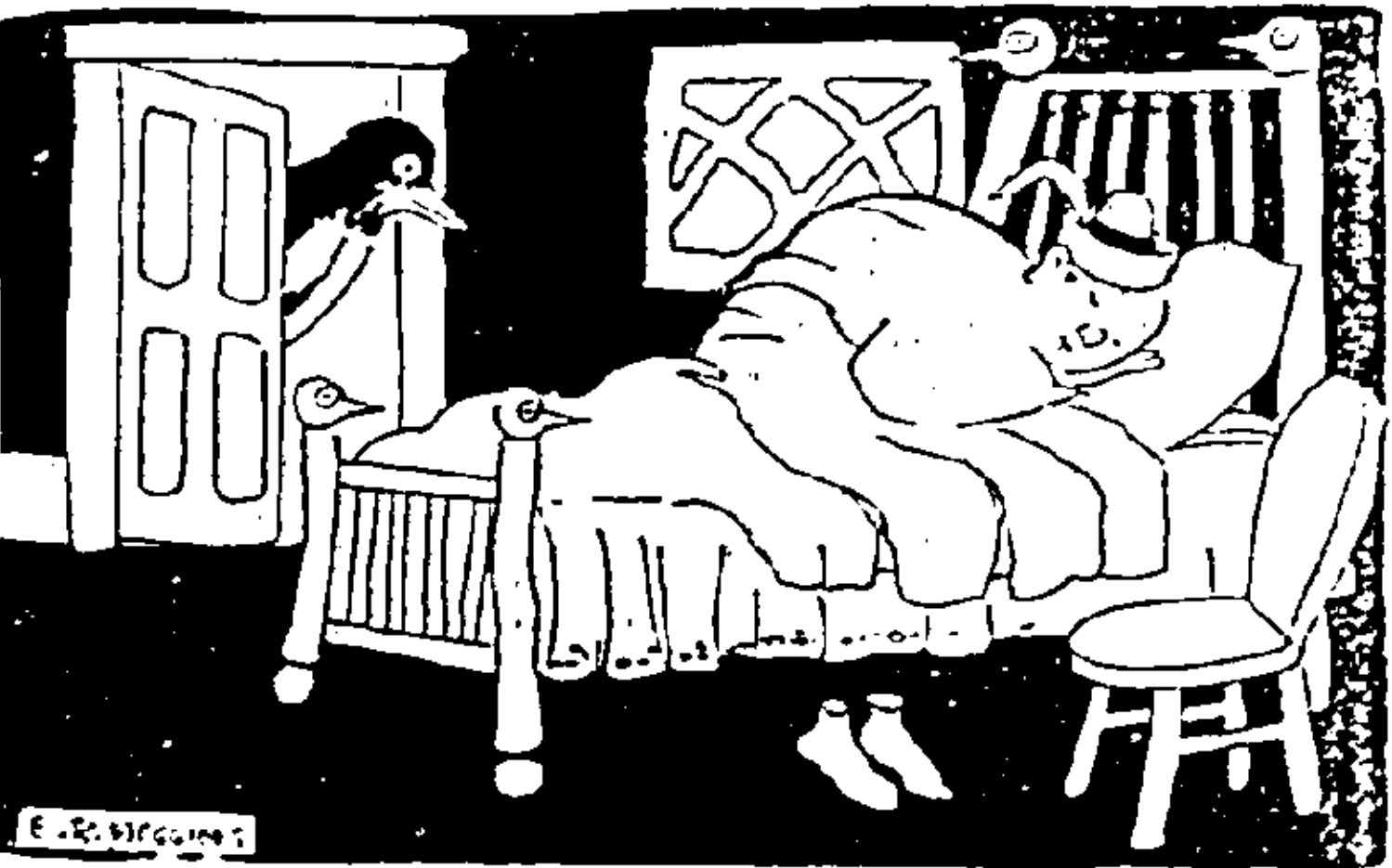
MR. TINGALING GETS A REST.

"But what shall I do while you are repairing my suit?" asked Tingaling, the fairy landlord, of Oliver Oriole, who had offered to put in gussets, as Tingaling was getting so round and fat his clothes no longer fitted.

Oliver thought a minute, then suddenly he had a bright idea. "Go to bed," he suggested. "I'll call Mrs. Oriole to turn down the covers, and you can crawl in until your suit is finished. Nick and Nancy can wait here with me, and I'll tell them a story while you're resting."

"Oh," yawned Tingaling slipping off his coat. "It sounds good to me." Children, you can tell Oliver about your monkey and perhaps he may be able to help you find him. Now, Oliver, where shall I go?"

Mrs. Oriole had appeared by this time, so she took Tingaling off to her spare room, where he was soon snoring loudly. The breeze swayed the branch up and down, and who, I should like to know,



Mrs. Oriole look Tingaling off to her spare-room, where he was soon snoring loudly.

could stay awake under such circumstances. It was better than being swung in a hammock, or riding over billowy waves, or even sailing in an aeroplane, although I'm not so sure about that, as I never was in one.

Oliver cut out the gussets just the right shape, then set to work. Nancy threaded needles and Nick snipped threads and pulled out bastings.

"B-z-z-z," snored Tingaling in the spare room, the sounds coming down the hall.

"Snip, snip, snip," went the scissors.
"Punch, punch, punch," went Oliver's needle.

But there were other sounds! Much talking! Because, after the twins had asked about Jocko (but Oliver declared he didn't know a thing about him), the bird-tailor said he knew a poem and, if the children would like to hear it, he would start right in.
Can you wait till to-morrow to hear it?

(To be continued to-morrow.)

DECLINE IN STEEL.

Independent Mills reduce Prices.

To the close observer it has been perfectly plain in the past few months that the American independent steel producers had no settled or uniform policy as to prices or the general conduct of their business. They lacked the influence of their guide, counselor, and friend, the United States Steel Corporation, for nearly a year ago independent producers had begun to make a market of their own, and by the first of this year the dissociation of the "independent steel market" from the Steel Corporation's price schedule was complete.

The facility with which independent producers individually elected to disregard the stabilizing influence of the Steel Corporation was emphasized, for since the war the independents have not confined their divergences to one side of the market. The Industrial Board price schedule of March 21, 1919, was generally adopted by the trade but in April and May following there were few, if any, independents that did not cut the Industrial Board prices, while the Steel Corporation adhered to those prices strictly and punctiliously.

In the summer of 1919 the last of the independents had scarcely ceased cutting the Steel Corporation prices before other independents began to talk of the desirability of prices being advanced and month after month it was hoped the Steel Corporation would act. In view of the facility with which independents have changed their prices in the past year and a half there are not a few observers who now maintain that if the independent steel market declines to the Steel Corporation level it will not stop there, but that independents will cut the Steel Corporation prices in their efforts to build up a clientele. Some observers even remark that the Steel Corporation price is the one price at which an independent will not sell, that either a higher price will be exacted or a lower price accepted.

TWELVE YEARS AGO. There are not the elements for coherence among steel producers in the matter of prices that have existed at junctures like this in the past when demand for steel fell off. In the "Garry dinner" period of 1908, for instance, the major part of the producers were sold approximately the same distance ahead, and those who had lean order books had the opportunity to pick up orders, so as to equalize their operations with the producers better situated. Conditions at the present time are altogether different. Roughly speaking, the Steel Corporation is sold up for about nine months, some of the large independents are moderately well sold up for three or four months, a few of the large independents have little business ahead, and some of the small producers have scarcely any business on hand.

With the independent steel producers in such various positions a general leveling of the independent market on a basis higher than that of the Steel Corporation, seems altogether improbable, yet a uniform market on the Steel Corporation basis seems improbable, also. If demand really stays slack for several months, as seems generally to be expected, there is the definite prospect that the independents will be operating at very considerably lower rates than the Steel Corporation. That, however, would be no new experience. The same thing occurred in the early months of 1919.

decline, though if conservative accounting methods have been followed, as has probably been the case, the quarterly reports may make a moderately fair showing. There will be some reductions in cases, which have been mounting almost up to date, as some supplies decline in price and as labor becomes still more efficient. The independents have made so much money on account of their high prices that they should be able to pass through a period of depression.

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ion of considerable length and remain in very strong financial position.

As to the Steel Corporation, there is no prospect that its earnings will decline. The corporation has not had occasion to curtail its output, and is not likely to have occasion even should the present slackness in demand last for several months. Some of the independents began curtailing production in September. At the beginning of the present quarter some of the Steel Corporation subsidiaries still had considerable stocks of finished products made on order, but not shipped on account of car scarcity. This material was carried on books at cost and as it is shipped earnings will accrue apart from the earnings involved in the current output. It is conceivable, though not necessarily probable, that the Steel Corporation will show larger earnings in the present quarter than in the third quarter.

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Reserve Funds: £1,500,000
Silver: \$23,000,000

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Empress of Asia	Jan. 13	Jan. 31
Empress of Japan	Jan. 19	Feb. 9
Empress of Russia	Feb. 10	Feb. 28
Empress of Japan	Mar. 15	Apr. 5
Empress of Asia	Mar. 31	Apr. 18
Montezuma	Apr. 7	May 1
Empress of Russia	Apr. 23	May 16
Empress of Japan	May 10	May 31
Empress of Asia	May 25	June 13

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Europe, U.S.A., Etc.

Tjisondari	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 3
China	C. M. Co.	Dec. 4
Thesaurus	B. & S.	Dec. 7
Hathaway	S. & D.	Dec. 7
West Jappa	F. W. Co.	Dec. 9
Hakodate	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 9
Tokuyo	M. T. K. K.	Dec. 9
Van Waerwyck	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 9
Somali	P. & O.	Dec. 10
Telemachus	B. & S.	Dec. 10
West Hika	L. A. Co.	Dec. 11
Lima	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 13
Kangean	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 13
Changsha	B. & S.	Dec. 13
Fushimi	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 14
C. of Lincoln	B. L.	Dec. 15
Suruga	A. L.	Dec. 15
Kamakura	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 17
Devanah	P. & O.	Dec. 17
Delight	F. W. Co.	Dec. 20
Alchiba	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 20
Pyrrhus	B. & S.	Dec. 21
Tango	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 22
Damodocus	B. & S.	Dec. 23
Orestes	B. L.	Dec. 25
W. Carmona	S. & D.	Dec. 25
Eurana	S. & D.	Dec. 25
Katori	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Tanda	P. & O.	Dec. 29
Montague	A. L.	Dec. 29
Tyndarus	B. & S.	Dec. 30
C. of Agria	B. L.	Dec. 30
Glenluce	J. M. Co.	Dec. 30
Siberia	M. T. K. K.	Dec. 31
St. Albans	P. & O.	Dec. 31
Sicilia	P. & O.	Dec. 31
Rhegus	B. & S.	Jan. 4
Bolton	C. M. Co.	Jan. 6
Arctura	M. N. Y. K.	Jan. 7
Machaon	B. & S.	Jan. 11
Dilwara	P. & O.	Jan. 11
Nanking	C. M. Co.	Jan. 12
Laomedon	B. & S.	Jan. 13
Tengo	M. T. K. K.	Jan. 14
Tydeus	B. & S.	Jan. 15
Tajima	M. N. Y. K.	Jan. 20
Borneo	J. C. J. L.	Jan. 21
Teucer	B. & S.	Feb. 1
Persia	T. K. K.	Feb. 24

Japan, Coast Ports, Etc.

Taming	B. & S.	Dec. 3
West-Ivis	S. & D.	Dec. 3
Haiching	D. L. Co.	Dec. 3
Yoonsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 3
Borneo	M. D. Co.	Dec. 4
Tjileboet	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 4
St. Albans	P. & O.	Dec. 4
Chenan	B. & S.	Dec. 4
Kwaissang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 4
Kwonsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 5
Sicilia	P. & O.	Dec. 5
Taketoyo	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 5
Suiyang	B. & S.	Dec. 7
Chinhua	B. & S.	Dec. 7
Haibong	D. L. Co.	Dec. 7
Tanda	P. & O.	Dec. 8
Tjisondari	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 8
Rangoon	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 8
Taikowany	B. & S.	Dec. 8
Loksang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 8
Chorsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 8
Sinkiang	B. & S.	Dec. 9
Yatsing	J. M. Co.	Dec. 9
Cheongshing	J. M. Co.	Dec. 9
Hailoong	D. L. Co.	Dec. 10
Shidzuha	M. N. Y. K.	Dec. 10
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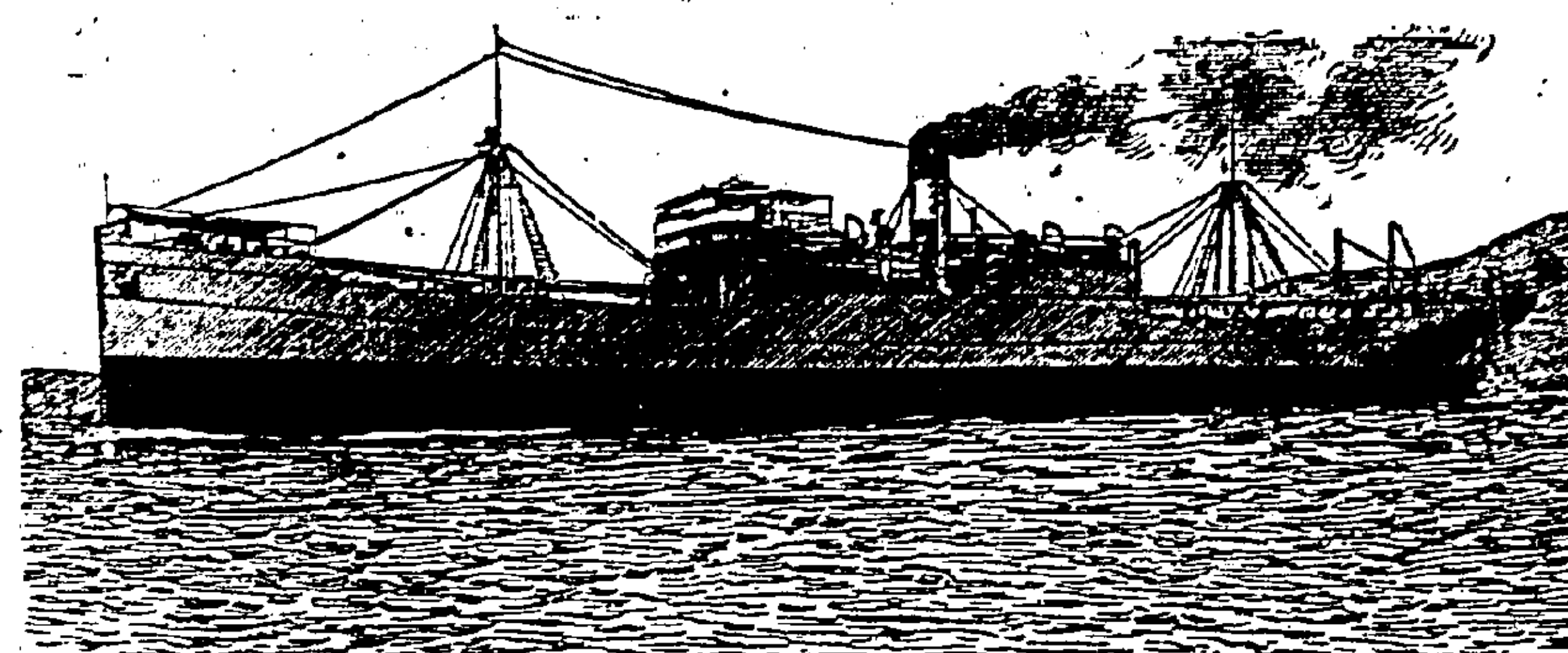
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DEVANHA	8,100	18th Dec.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
SICILIA	7,000	31st Dec.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
DILWARA	5,400	11th Jan.	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay.

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TANDA	7,000	29th Dec.	Calcutta via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	22nd Dec.	Melbourne via Sandakan, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
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"GLENARA"	...	18th Jan.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong	Discharges
"GLENSHANE"	1st Dec.	GENOA, LONDON, ANTWERP AND ROTTERDAM.
"GLENOGLE"	10th Dec.	GENOA, LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

Movements are subject to change without notice.

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INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kwaisang	Sat. 4th Dec. at 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Kwaisang	Sun. 5th Dec. at d'light.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Loksang	Wed. 8th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Choyang	Wed. 8th Dec. at d'light.
N'po, W'wei, C'foo, D'ny	Cheongshing	Thurs. 9th Dec. at d'light.
KOBE	Yatshing	Thurs. 9th Dec. at d'light.

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S.S. "KWAISANG" will be despatched on or about Saturday, 4th Dec., at 2 p.m. for SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

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For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Chenan	4th Dec. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	4th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Chinhua	7th Dec. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, SHAI & PUKOW	Suiyang	7th Dec. at 4 p.m.
TIJALAP	Taikeo Wan Yi	8th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	9th Dec. at noon.

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Haiching	A. H. Stewart	FRI. 3rd Dec. at noon.
Haichong	W. C. Passmore	TUES. 7th Dec. at noon.
Haiboong	J. S. Thomson	FRI. 10th Dec. at noon.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TSUSHIMA MARU, (Hamburg Line) left Antwerp for this port via Suez, on the 24th Oct. and is expected here on the 5th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOKUSHIMA M. (Liverpool Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez on the 3rd Nov. and is expected here on the 13th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YETOROFU M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 23rd Nov. and is expected here on the 17th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NIKKO M. (Australian Line) left Sydney for Hongkong via ports on the 27th Nov., and is expected here on the 17th December.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA, arrived at Yokohama on 25th Nov., left there 27th Nov. at noon due at Vancouver, B.C. on 6th Dec.

The P. & O. s.s. SICILIA left Singapore for this port on the 29th instant at 8 a.m. and is due here on the 5th Dec. at about 7 a.m.

The s.s. METHVEN, arrived at Hongkong on 27th Nov. left here 29th Nov., due at Singapore on 4th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TAKETOYO M. (Calcutta Line) left Moji for this port direct on the 29th Nov. and is expected here on the 4th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. LIMA M. (Hamburg Line) left Kobe for this port via Shanghai, and D'ny on the 24th Nov., and is expected here on the 12th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMO M. (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 30th Nov., and is expected here on the 9th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YOKOHAMA M. (European Line) left London, for this port via Suez, on the 27th Nov. and is expected here on the 6th January.

The T. K. K. s.s. KOREA M. sailed from Nagasaki on Nov. 30th and is due at this port on the 3rd instant.

The B. I. Co. s.s. TANDA, left Singapore for this port on the 1st instant, and is due here on the 7th instant at about evening.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, arrived at Kobe on 1st Dec. leave there 2nd Dec. and is due at Nagasaki on 3rd December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. RANGOON M. (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 1st Dec. and is expected here on the 8th Dec.

The Robert Dollar Company's U. S. S. B. s.s. LAKE FARRAR, (Coast Service) left Singapore on 1st December, and is due here about 12th December (calling Saigon).

The s.s. THESEUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Moji on 2nd inst. for London, Amsterdam & Antwerp via Hongkong, vessel is due here on 6th inst., and will sail, as above, on 7th instant at noon.

The U. S. S. Board s.s. WEST JAPPA from Seattle & Japan left Manila on the 1st, at midnight, and may be expected to arrive here on the 4th at 8 a.m.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here—

Tyufong, from Hankow.

Chandler, Steamer Nanking, from Tientsin.

Tait, from Shanghai.

Rodwell, Hongkong Hotel from New York.

Ralph Dort, Hongkong Hotel, from Shanghai.

Cheongwailam c/o Cheongkee, West Desvoeux Road, from Amoy.

Lifung from Shanghai.

Scandalia, from Yokohama.

Leetongchick, Taangchan.

Chungwanka, from Keijo.

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Chindu, from Amoy.

Teekechiang, from Amoy.

Shunghang Co., 150 Winglok Street, from Moji.

N. LUND.

Act. Superintendent

Hongkong, Dec. 2, 1920.

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Coba, from Saigon.

Hongkong Harcel Express Company, from Saigon.

Leonard Jordan, Seilorshome Arsenal St., from Calcutta.

Ted Trevor Carlton, Hotel, from Shanghai.

M. E. F. AIREY.

Superintendent,

Hongkong, Dec. 2, 1920.

